

'OLD SHELL GAME' CHARGED

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Garrison Says 'Code' Links Oswald, Shaw, Ruby

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Attorneys for Clay L. Shaw, accused of conspiracy in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, say that Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison is playing "the old shell game" in sifting clues.

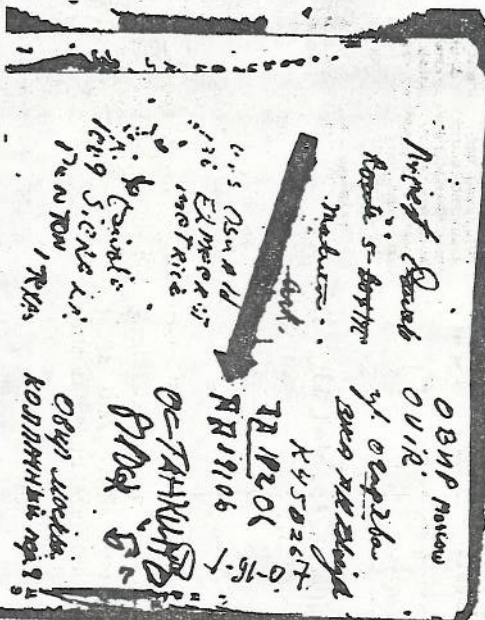
The attorneys, F. Irvin Dymond and Edward Wegmann, also complained yesterday that Garrison had not filed a copy of his pleadings with them, and "all that we know is what we read in the newspapers."

Garrison claims Shaw, the late David W. Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald, who was shot to death by Jack Ruby two days after Kennedy was killed, conspired to assassinate the President.

Called Strong Clue

The district attorney yesterday told Criminal District Court his office had deciphered a code which he said was used by Oswald and Shaw in writing memos. He said a coded telephone number—Ruby's unpublished telephone number in Dallas—was in possession of both Oswald and Shaw.

The Warren Commission, which concluded that Oswald acted alone in the assassina-



This is a portion of Lee Harvey Oswald's notebook published by the Warren Commission. New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison interprets the notations indicated by the arrow as PO 19106.

tion, said it found no connection between Oswald and Ruby. Garrison said the code notation in a booklet seized in Shaw's home read "Lee Shaw and Oswald had set up some communication with Ruby."

Shaw's attorneys said there was nothing significant about that—Lee Odom was a busi-

ness associate Shaw met in 1965, and the "PO Box 19106" referred to Odom's business address in Dallas. The defense attorneys viewed the similarity in numbers as a coincidence, and not a clue.

Awaiting Trial

But Garrison said that number was not an address, that there was no such post office box in Dallas, and that it actually was Ruby's telephone number disguised.

Garrison said that with many five digit numbers found in Oswald's notebook, the order of the letters A B C D E is transposed, for the purpose of coding, to A E B D C. Garrison said a reverse process is used in unscrambling.

Telephone Dial

Referring to the prefix telephone exchange letters, Garrison said:

"Oswald invariably uses the dial of the telephone as conversion machinery to convert letters into numbers and back again. He systematically adds the number values resulting in a sum which can be later broken down into the real exchange listing."

By using the telephone dial for conversion of letters to

numbers, Garrison explained, the letters "PO" become the digit 13. The only exchange which the number 13 converts to in Dallas, he said, is Whitehall.

The post office box number found in the Shaw and Oswald address books, 19106, when unscrambled, becomes 16901, Garrison said. By subtracting 1300 from 1-16901, he added, the result is 1-5601.

Garrison said Ruby's unpublished telephone number at Dallas in 1963 was Whitehall 1-5601.

The district attorney said Oswald used two standard numbers in coding numbers in his address book. These numbers were 1300 and 4900, he said.

Shaw, retired New Orleans businessman, is awaiting trial on the conspiracy indictment. He has pleaded not guilty. His lawyers said yesterday Garrison had told the newspapers about his code theory before advising them.

Garrison's statement came in answer to motions by Shaw's attorneys asking the return of Shaw's address book, which was seized March 1 along with five cartons of materials from Shaw's hand-